

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

The following amendments do not constitute an admission regarding the patentability of the amended subject matter and should not be so construed. Amendments to the claims were made for purposes of more clearly stating the claimed subject matter and do not add new matter or alter the scope of the claims.

Listing of Claims:

1. ***(Currently Amended)*** A method for determining an individual's probability of exhibiting one or more phenotypic attributes, comprising:

- a) evaluating genomic markers from the individual for zygosity at each member of a preselected set of markers; wherein each preselected marker has a degree of linkage with one or more of the one or more phenotypic attributes, wherein the markers are preselected based on association or other studies to be directly or indirectly linked with a phenotypic attribute, wherein zygosity is heterozygosity or homozygosity for each selected marker from the preselected set;
- b) comparing the zygosity of the preselected markers to a multivariate scoring matrix to obtain a marker score, wherein the multivariate scoring matrix correlates patterns of marker zygosity with probabilities of exhibiting the one or more phenotypic attributes, using suitable computer software for use on a computer;
wherein the scoring matrix prioritizes markers with respect to one or more criteria selected from the group consisting of homology to another marker sequence of interest, synteny with respect to other marker sequences, ontological relevance, genomic relevance, quality of supporting research, and degree of phenotypic significance; whereby marker priority incorporates local genome context information in the comparison of step b) and
- c) determining whether the marker score indicates an enhanced, diminished, or average the probability of exhibiting one or more phenotypic attributes based on the marker score.

2. ***(Withdrawn)*** The method according to claim 1, wherein the preselected set of markers comprises a plurality of exon/intron junction sequences.

3. *(Withdrawn)* The method according to claim 2, wherein at least about 20% of the markers in the preselected set are exon/intron junction sequences.
4. *(Original)* The method according to claim 1, wherein the preselected set of markers comprises a plurality of promoter sequences.
5. *(Original)* The method according to claim 4, wherein at least about 20% of the markers in the preselected set are promoter sequences.
6. *(Previously Presented)* The method according to claim 1, wherein one or more of the markers within the preselected set of markers is selected by prioritizing with respect to one or more criteria selected from the group consisting of nucleotide sequence homology, synteny with respect to other marker sequences, ontological relevance, genomic relevance, quality of supporting research, and degree of phenotypic significance.
7. *(Original)* The method according to claim 1, wherein the preselected set of markers comprises markers that map to at least about 1,000 discrete loci.
8. *(Previously Presented)* The method according to claim 1, wherein the scoring matrix prioritizes markers with respect to homology to another marker sequence of interest, synteny with respect to other marker sequences, ontological relevance, genomic relevance, quality of supporting research, and degree of phenotypic significance.
9. *(Currently Amended)* A method for providing genetic information to an individual, comprising:
 - a) identifying genotypic characteristics of the individual that correlate with a relative probability of exhibiting one or more phenotypic attributes;
 - b) determining for each of the one or more phenotypic attributes the probability of exhibiting the one or more phenotypic attributes by:
 - (i) evaluating genomic markers from an individual for zygosity at each member of a preselected set of markers, wherein each preselected marker has a degree of linkage with one or more of the one or more phenotypic attributes wherein the markers are preselected based on association or other studies to be directly or indirectly linked with a phenotypic attribute, wherein zygosity is heterozygosity or homozygosity for each selected marker from the preselected set;

(ii) comparing the zygosity of the preselected markers to a multivariate scoring matrix to obtain a marker score, wherein the multivariate scoring matrix correlates patterns of marker zygosity with probabilities of exhibiting the one or more phenotypic attributes, using suitable computer software for use on a computer;

wherein the scoring matrix prioritizes markers with respect to one or more criteria selected from the group consisting of homology to another marker sequence of interest, synteny with respect to other marker sequences, ontological relevance, ~~genomic relevance~~, quality of supporting research, and degree of phenotypic significance whereby marker priority incorporates local genome context information; and

(iii) determining whether the marker score indicates an enhanced, diminished, or average the probability of exhibiting the one or more phenotypic attributes based on the marker score;

c) applying one or more selection criteria for each of the one or more phenotypic attributes to the resulting determinations of probability, wherein each selection criterion imposes total, partial, or no limitation on the information communicated to the individual;

d) identifying information that is relevant to the individual's probabilities of exhibiting the one or more phenotypic attributes and consistent with the limitations imposed by the selection criteria; and

e) communicating the information to the individual.

10. *(Previously Presented)* The method according to claim 9, further comprising:

applying the same or different selection criteria one or more additional times to the determined probabilities of exhibiting each of the phenotypic attributes;

identifying information that is relevant to the individual's probabilities of exhibiting the one or more phenotypic attributes and consistent with the limitations imposed by the selection criteria; and

communicating the information to the individual.

11. *(Original)* The method according to Claim 9, wherein the scoring matrix comprises a combination of one or more scoring matrix vectors selected from the group consisting of a descriptor of family history, a descriptor of general medical physiological values, a descriptor of mRNA expression levels,

a descriptor of methylation profiles, a descriptor of protein expression levels, a descriptor of enzyme activity, and a descriptor of antibody load.

12. *(Original)* The method according to claim 9, wherein at least one of the one or more selection criteria is specified in advance by the individual.

13. *(Withdrawn)* The method according to claim 12, wherein at least one of the one or more selection criteria is a function of the availability of treatments effective to modify the phenotypic characteristic.

14. *(Withdrawn)* The method according to claim 9, wherein at least one of the one or more selection criteria is a function of the scope and quality of known research relating to the phenotypic characteristic.

15. *(Previously Presented)* The method according to claim 9, wherein at least one of the one or more selection criteria is a function of the probability determination(s) for one or more other phenotypic attributes.

16. *(Original)* The method according to claim 9, further comprising, prior to communicating the information to the individual:

formatting the information relating to the relevant phenotypic attributes according to an organizational matrix, wherein the organizational matrix determines the grouping, and presentation of information to the individual.

17. *(Withdrawn)* The method according to claim 16, wherein the organizational matrix groups phenotypic characteristics for which the individual has an enhanced probability together.

18. *(Previously Presented)* The method according to claim 16, wherein the organizational matrix groups phenotypic attributes related to similar physiological systems together.

19. *(Previously Presented)* The method according to claim 16, wherein the organization matrix ranks the phenotypic attributes as a function of the potential impact on the individual's lifestyle or quality of life.

20. *(Withdrawn)* The method according to claim 16, wherein the organization matrix ranks the phenotypic characteristics as a function of the genomic ethnicity of the individual.

21. *(Previously Presented)* The method according to claim 9, wherein prior to communicating the information to the individual, the identity of the individual is not associated with data corresponding to

the genotypic characteristics, the relative probabilities of exhibiting the phenotypic attributes, or the identified relevant information.

22. *(Withdrawn)* A method of evaluating the probability that progeny of two individuals of the opposite sex will exhibit one or more phenotypic attributes, the method comprising: evaluating genomic markers from each of the two individuals for zygosity at each member of a preselected set of markers; determining a probability distribution for the zygosity for each member of the preselected set of markers in the genomes of progeny of the two individuals; comparing the probability distributions to a multivariate scoring matrix to obtain a probability distribution score, wherein the multivariate scoring matrix correlates patterns of marker zygosity with probabilities of exhibiting phenotypic attributes; and determining whether the probability distribution score indicates that the progeny have an enhanced, diminished, or average probability of exhibiting one or more phenotypic attributes.

23. *(Withdrawn)* A method for determining the genomic ethnicity of an individual, comprising: evaluating genomic markers from an individual at each member of a preselected set of markers; comparing the genotype for each of the markers to a multivariate scoring matrix, wherein the multivariate scoring matrix correlates patterns of genotypes with probabilities of exhibiting phenotypic attributes; and determining the genomic ethnicity of the individual as a pattern of the probabilities of exhibiting the phenotypic attributes.

24. *(Previously Presented)* The method according to any of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8, wherein the method further comprises determining a genetic profile characteristic of a human population or subpopulation.

25. *(Previously Presented)* The method according to claim 24, wherein the method further comprises using the genetic profile characteristic of the human population or subpopulation in a pharmacogenomic analysis.

26. *(Withdrawn)* A method of selecting a set of genetic markers, comprising: filtering one or more genetic markers for inclusion in the set by determining measures of phenotypic value and/or prioritization selected from the group consisting of penetrance of the one or more markers in a population or subpopulation of interest, the degree of linkage of the one or more markers to a particular phenotype, the relative contribution of the one or more markers to communicating the phenotype, and the degree of statistical or scientific confidence to be placed in any data associated with any of the measures of phenotypic value and/or priority used.

27. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1 or claim 9, wherein the method further comprises prioritizing markers with respect to homology to another marker sequence of interest
28. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1 or claim 9, wherein the method further comprises prioritizing markers with respect to synteny with respect to other marker sequences.
29. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1 or claim 9, wherein the method further comprises prioritizing markers with respect to ontological relevance.
30. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1 or claim 9, wherein the method further comprises prioritizing markers with respect to genomic relevance.
31. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1 or claim 9, wherein the method further comprises prioritizing markers with respect to quality of supporting research.
32. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 1 or claim 9, wherein the method further comprises prioritizing markers with respect to degree of phenotypic significance.